

Matthews Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource

Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

December 8, 2021

6:30PM

Advisory Committee Members

Howie Labiner – Chair
Ryan Maclatchie
Tara Van Genderen
Jamison Whittaker - Alternate

Susan Chambers – Vice Chair
John Gatlin
Harvey Boyd

Sandi Lee
Debbie Chupas
Deidra Fisher

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Roll Call
- III.** Division Reports:
 - a) Special Events
 - b) Athletics
 - c) Parks/Outdoor Recreation
 - d) Cultural Resources
- IV.** Director's Report
- V.** Old Business
- VI.** New Business
 - a) Artist Discussion/Selection – Matthews Veterans Memorial Park Mural
- VII.** Adjournment

Mural Art Artist Discussion / Selection

Artist Applicants for Matthews Veteran Memorial Park Wall Mural

Mural Location



Artist Applicants & Examples of Previous Work

Artist 1: Kimberly Shepherd

Portraits & Mural examples from previous commissions



Artist Bio/Information

KIM LAM SHEPHERD, was born in Saigon, South Vietnam, and at the age of 16, escaped the communist regime to seek refuge in the United States.

Settling first in Fairfax, Virginia, she received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Her summer studies in France and travels to Italy and Holland ignited her love of visual art.

A self-taught artist, Kim Lam did not realize her incredible artistic gifts until she began to take painting seriously, turning her childhood interest in art into a serious endeavor. She had a passion and joy for studying the complexities in the works of Masters, and strives for that level of quality in her own works.

Kim's art can be described as photographic realism, and introduces a fresh interpretation of creativity and inventiveness punctuated with a surprising use of colors. Sometimes her works utilize more than one medium; she paints in oils for their durability, in pastels for their softness, in pen and ink for their definition, and in acrylics for their vibrant colors. Her expertise and technique in painting with these various materials allow her to incorporate multi-mediums to different projects as needed to cover a wide range of concepts.

Recognizing the complexities of the public art process, Kim meets her challenges with determination and realizes a strong vision is needed for each unique situation with the final outcome depending on attention to various facets of each project. She aims to create long lasting artwork that provokes thoughts and engages the audience intellectually and emotionally.

Kim exhibited at Art 1 Gallery's third annual "I Am Woman" competition in 2001, and at the Gaston County Museum of Art History's "A Visual Harvest." in 2002

Her commissioned works include the caricatures displayed at The Palm Restaurant in Charlotte, and murals for residential and commercial properties.



Kim Lam Shepherd

Artist 2: Ida Mae Irby

Examples from previous shows



Artist Bio/Information



IdaMae

IDA M IRBY



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EXPERIENCE

FINE ART INSTRUCTOR

MATTHEWS SIP AND PAINT | JAN 2017 - CURRENT

Lisa Ramsey, Owner 704-746-4486

- Fine Artist specializing in teaching watercolor painting, acrylic painting, oil painting and pastel painting. Students with little experience learn the skills necessary to complete a canvas painting.

FIGURE DRAWING COURSE | JAN 2019 - CURRENT

Cindy Connelly Executive Director Charlotte Art League 704-376-2787

- Fine Artist specializing in hosting anatomy and figure drawing courses. Manages the curating and guidance of weekly two-hour drawing session. Supports group in plein air classes as well as guided instruction.

BENCH JEWELER- MANUFACTURING

GOLD TEETH SPECIALIST | FEB 2015 - CURRENT

- Jewelry Repair Assistant - Clerical assistant to repair team, responsible for tracking and delivering precious metals, diamonds and colored stones for more than 60 customers or vendors daily.
- Promotional marketing and graphic design

LEO HAMEL FINE JEWELERS | 2014-2015

1851 San Diego Ave, San Diego, CA

Jennifer Cliche: 619-299-1500

- Jewelry Repair Assistant - Clerical assistant to repair team, responsible for tracking and delivering precious metals, diamonds and colored stones for more than 60 customers or vendors daily.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHER

TEDDY BEAR PORTRAITS | APR 2018 - JAN 2019

Gaston county & York county

Becky Hill : Supervisor 615-712-4477

- Professional Digital Photographer with responsibilities that included customer service, multitasking and maintaining safety in the environment of a preschool with infants, toddlers and young children.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA MEDIA CO. | APR 2015 - JAN 2016

Aleks Dolzenko: adolzenko@staffordcountysun.com 703-318-1386

Leesburg Virginia / 1372 Old Bridge Road, Woodbridge VA 22192

- As a Staff writer for the NORTHERN VIRGINIA MEDIA SERVICES in cooperation with the US Marine Corps Base Quantico Sentry publication. As a staff writer I provided social media updates and content for weekly publication to include: news and feature articles with photography editorials.

MOM 365 | APR 2012 - JAN 2013

San Diego, CA / Jill Peters: 858-395-0194

- Photographer in the largest professional newborn photography company in the U.S., as part of the national team of more than 1,400 Photographers. I worked in two hospitals, making sure every family gets a beautiful portrait. Maintained a high aptitude for sales and ability to effectively present products to boost commission. Foster positive relationship with the Parents of newborns and staff at the Hospital partner where you will be working

US ARMY | JUNE 2009 - JUNE 2017

Terence Farmer: US Army Supervisor

Germany-Afghanistan-Texas: 301-677-6981 / 850-228-8699

- U.S. Soldier Photojournalist: Publicized 50+ articles and 2000+ digital photos during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Created visuals for publication for the 7th Signal Brigade and 24th Press Camp Headquarters to fulfill missions and events. Manage product development, marketing, and social media as team leader



IdaMae

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EXHIBITIONS

Shows & Publications

Nortic Fine Art Gallery
 Solo One Month Art Exhibition
 10783 Jamacha Blvd Suite 9
 Spring Valley, CA

Clover Library
 Artist of the Month
 107 Knox Street
 Clover, SC
 803-222-3474

Solo Art Exhibition (Permanent Installation)
 Empowered Living Church
 2101 Cambridge Beltway Drive
 Charlotte
 704-412-4035

Featured Artist of the Month
 Charlotte Art League
 4100 Raleigh Street
 Charlotte
 704-376-2787

Veterans Bridge Home
 2200 E 7th Street
 Charlotte
 Steven Cole, Vice President of Advancement
 (o) 980-999-2303 (m) 703-835-2826

SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

Multi Media Fine Artist

- Rhino CAD
- Digital studio photography
- Matrix 7.5 design software
- Adobe Photoshop / Illustrator

INTERNSHIPS

FINE ARTIST INSTRUCTOR

UMAR ART CENTER
 3015 S TRYON ST SUITE 201, CHARLOTTE, NC 28217
 PHONE: (704) 348-0994TRYON

- Fine Artist specializing in watercolor painting, acrylic painting, oil painting and pastel painting. Supports group plein air classes as well as guided instruction. Students with little experience learn the skills necessary to complete a canvas painting.

VOLUNTEERING

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR

EMPOWERED LIVING CHURCH
 2101 CAMBRIDGE BELTWAY DRIVE CHARLOTTE 704-412-4035

Pastor Barrett Berry

- Fine Artist specializing in watercolor painting, acrylic painting, oil painting and pastel painting. Supports group plein air classes as well as guided instruction. Students with little experience learn the skills necessary to complete a canvas painting.

INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY SUMMER CAMP

120 BETHEL STREET CLOVER, SC 29710
 T: 803.222.9493 X 235 | F: 803.222.9496 | M: 704.913.5080

Amy Gonzalez Special Events Coordinator: agonzalez@cloversc.org

- Fine Artist specializing in watercolor painting, acrylic painting, oil painting and pastel painting. Supports group plein air classes as well as guided instruction. Students with little experience learn the skills necessary to complete a canvas painting.

EDUCATION

Savannah College of Art & Design, online 2017-current
 Masters of Fine Art

Savannah College of Art & Design, Savannah, GA; USA 2002-2008
 Bachelors of Art in Metals and Jewelry Design

Defense Information School, Fort George Meade, MD; USA 2008-2009
 Completion of the Basic Public Affairs Specialist-Writer

Gemological Institute of America - GIA, Carlsbad, CA; USA
 Comprehensive CAD/CAM for Jewelers 2014

SKILLS

- Metal Smithing
- Wax Carving
- Journalism
- Copywriting
- Oil Painting
- Photo editing
- Digital Photography
- Fine Art Instruction

Artist Statement of Interest

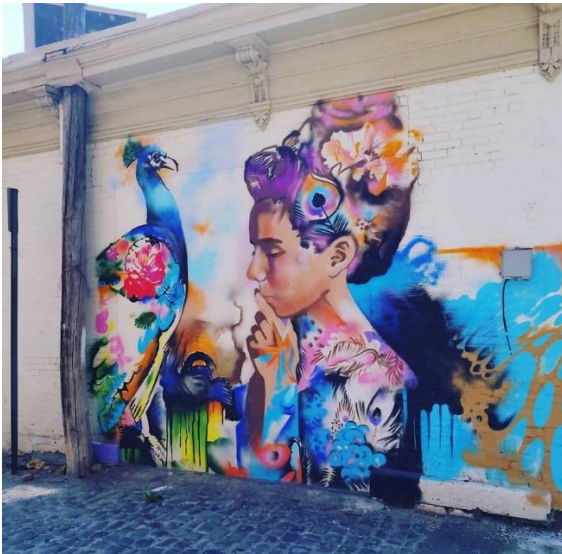
My name is Ida Irby, and I am a passionate artist who has dedicated my studio practice to sharing the story of military veterans. I would be honored to share my work with the Veterans Memorial mural on a wall located in the Veterans Memorial area of Stumptown Park in downtown Matthews. This would help me to continue my work within the Matthews art community as an instructor/community artist.

My art explores many narratives, and the camouflage collection is dedicated to the ongoing theme of military apparel in the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard. Digital camouflage is also a tie into the digital technology age that is shaping our community and connecting us all internationally.

My goals are to build a legacy for the people who support our nation and give the ultimate sacrifice. I want to be recognized as an artist, but this mural would mean a lot to me as I strive to continue to tell the story through my narrative veteran artwork.

Artist 3: Pam Singh

Examples of Previous Murals





Artist Statement of Interest

Please find my attached resume along with examples for my mural work in Kentucky, Ohio and North Carolina.

I have not had any opportunities to paint a patriotic themed mural yet, but I very well understand the requirements and am skilled to be able to come up with an original one-of-a-kind mural that will be a community attraction and interest. I am very interested in adding this themed work to my artist portfolio.

Artist Resume

Pam Singh

Visual Artist: 323.365.726

pamsinghofficial@gmail.com | www.pamsinghstudio.com | I.G: @pamsinghstudio

SUMMARY

I am self-educated in the field of Fine Arts and my style of painting is self-experimented; I work in Oil, Acrylics and Mix Media paintings. My paintings are empowering and symbolize feminine strength, dreams, powers and energies that represent beauty and individuality of a woman.

I am a creative business person with a strong eye for color, art, design and styling. I have been a leader for various creative teams and projects for over 19 years which included creative designing, presentations, lead marketing, client-relationship management, develop new markets, strategic partnerships and guide long term objectives to meet business needs and requirements.

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

Master in Business Administration (specialized in Fashion Management) 2005
Lincoln University, New Zealand

Bachelor of Fashion Design and Merchandizing 2002
Design and Arts College, New Zealand
Self-Taught Visual Artist

EXHIBITIONS

Group Exhibitions:

Dec 2020, Pam was one of the few invited artist's at ModaFest 2020 for "Art In Healing" an art exhibition for mental health awareness hosted by, "Mother Drum Healing Arts Foundation" in Miami, Florida.

April 2021, "Justice & Hope" art exhibition as an invited Artist, hosted by SouthEnd Arts in Charlotte, N.C. and had a complete sold out show.

April 2021, "Live Painting Show" at CAL Gallery, Charlotte, N.C

June 2021, "The GraceFest" art exhibition as an invited Artist, hosted by SouthEnd Arts in Charlotte, N.C. and sold several pieces and prints.

June 2021, "Fantasy" art exhibition as a featured artist, hosted by Charlotte Art League in Charlotte, N.C.

July 2021, "Land Of Dreams" art exhibition as an invited artist, hosted by Sandbar Arts, Cleveland, OH

July 2021 - Sept 2021, Public and Commercial Project - completed 9 murals in the City Of Charlotte, NC

Oct 2021, "Trade Alley" Exhibit/ juried show, hosted by Trade Alley Gallery, Hickory, NC

Solo Exhibitions:

1st Oct – 31st Oct 2021, month long Solo Exhibition - "Womanhood" hosted by The Gallery at Artisan's Palate, Charlotte, N.C

3rd Nov – 31st Dec 2021 (current), Solo Exhibition hosted by Town Hall Of Matthews, Mathews, N.C

Commissions:

2019, Mural Art Commission, Black Rose, Kentucky

2019, Mural Art Commission, Chroma Salon, Kentucky

2019, Mural Art Commission, Estelle's Paradise, Ohio

2019, Mural Art Commission, Farmhouse Cafe, Kentucky

2019, Mural Art Commission, Lesley's Wall, Kentucky

2019, Mural Art Commission, Paducah Antiques Wall, Kentucky

2020, Residential Commission, Eternal Power, Acrylic on Canvas, Private Collection in Kentucky

2020, Residential Commission, Us Together, Acrylic on Canvas, Private Collection in Kentucky

2021, Residential Commission, Voyage, Acrylic on Canvas, Private Collection in North Carolina

2021, Mural Art Commission, Femininity, North Carolina

2021, Mural Art Commission, Caribbean Vibes, North Carolina

2021, Mural Art Commission, Tropical Theme, North Carolina

2021, Residential Commission, Colorful Life, Acrylic on Canvas, Private Collection in Michigan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visual Artist/Painter

Pam Singh Studio

Hickory, North Carolina

2019 June Current

- Participating in group shows, art festivals and pop up events
- Teach art classes to groups of 15 years to 65 years students.
- Planning, evaluating, and revising curriculum, course content, and course materials.
- Explaining and demonstrating artistic techniques: acrylic painting, oil painting and mix media.
- Received 90% positive feedback from anonymous end-of-term student surveys.

Visual Artist/Painter

Pam Singh Studio

Charlotte, North Carolina

2021 September Current

- Teaching art classes to groups of 15 years to 65 years students.
- Planning, evaluating, and executing solo exhibitions with a 100% success rate.
- Participating in group shows, art festivals and pop up events.
- Painted as an live artist at gallery shows and other events in town.
- Been a featured artist at multiple galleries and shows.
- Solely painted 9 murals across the city for public art visuals.

CURRENT SHOW

The Gallery At Town Hall, 232 Matthews Station Street, Matthews, NC 28105

Phone: (704) 708 – 1262

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Owner and Artist at Pam Singh Studio
- Vice President at SouthEnd Arts – A non-profit Arts organization to elevate underinvested artists while education the community.
- Studio Member at - The Charlotte Art League, Charlotte, NC
- Artist and Social Media Strategist at - Pam Singh Studio, Charlotte, NC

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Featured Artist at the Town Hall of Matthews, Nov 2021 – Dec 2021
- Featured Artist in Biscuit, Digital Magazine by Charlotte Is Creative, Oct 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- I have a collective experience of 19 years in the field of Art, Design, Merchandizing and Art Business Management.
- My hobbies include – Traveling (*seeing new places & meeting new people*) Dancing, Swimming, Painting & Crafting.